[श्रीमती सत्या बहिन]

थी। इसलिये उस दौरान जितने भी गवर्नमेंट के कारखानों को निजी औद्योगिक घरानों को दिया गया, उन सब की जांच सरकार को करनी चाहिये, ऐसा मेरा निवेदन है।

SHRI SHANTI TYAGI (Uttar Pradesh): I alsoassociate myself with it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA) : Mr. Shanti Tyagi, you also associated. It is all right.

Leakage of Narasimhan Committee report on Banking

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI (Andhra Pradesh) : Sir, it is a fact that all the nationalised banks are in a very bad shape and they are not functioning well. The recovery rate is at its lowest ebb and corruption is rampant. And M. Ds., Chairman and higher officials are ganged up with industrialists and other big heads. Instead of recovering the loans, they are pumping more money, under the guise of rephasing and rescheduling the loans, in sick mills and the like. The Government, in its wisdom, has appointed the Narasimhan Committee to go in to the working of the nationalised banks and, I believe, the Committee has submitted its report. But the Government did not think it proper to publish the report of the Committee; nor did they seek any debate on the same from the public; nor the was report tabled in either of the Houses of Parliament. However, it is suprising that day in and day out, the report of the Committee is getting published in all the newspapers without any exception, in the full text. I do not know how the entire report finds its way to the columes of various newspaers without the Government publishing it. And the Government is so foolish that it never publishes it: not does it allow any debate; nor does it own the reports already published in newspapers.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : Sir, the hon. Member should be abit discreet. He should withdraw the word 'foolish'.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: I would like to advise the Government to see that some action is taken against the wholesale....(*Interruption*).

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR: Sir, let him withdraw the word.

SHRI KAMAL MORARAKA (Rajasthan): 'Not sensible'. That is what he means.

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR: He may say 'not proper'.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Not sensible, not wise.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): He may even say 'not intelligent'.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: I hope that the Government will place the the report on the Table of the House after some time. There is no point in informing Parliament after getting it circulated through millions and millions of copies of newspapers throughout the length and breadth of the country. So, I would like to seek a clarification from the Government as to what happened and how the Government failed to protect the report and how it was leaked to the press, to the media, in full text. Thank you.

Government's move to hand over Evaluation of Customs Duty to a Multi-Natioal Swiss Company

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. House to a multi-national company entering into the field of even evaluating the excise duty in this country.

Sir, a news item appearing in the 'Sunday Observer' says that the Government is poised to hand over the evaluation of customs duty to a Swiss-based company called 'Society General of Surveillance'. The reason given by them is that in the economic package that was discussed among the Government, the IMF and the World Bank, this was one of the items figuring. The Government's assessment is that they are losing more than Rs. 2000 crores every year by way of under-invoicing by importers and misclarification of import items. Therefore, the Government has invited the Swiss-based company for a trade-facilitation programme. That is, whenever any importer wants to import any goods, the quantity and quality of the items are subject to check-up by the authority including the price-checking. One per cent commission has been agreed to be given to that company. There is considerable dissension in the minds of Customs officials. They feel that they have been sidelined and made to be a rubber stamp. After evaluation, when everything has been done by this authority, they have to put a rubber stamp for formality's sake. It is quite disheartening to note that this programme of hand ling over the evaluation of Customs duty to this authority has been done in a hasty